AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An active water producing method comprising the step of heating purified water with a heating element ~~that is generated by removing impurities from water,~~ while applying a high voltage to the purified water with a high potential generating device, wherein the high potential generating device is different than the heating element.

2. (Original) The active water producing method according to Claim 1, wherein the voltage applied to the purified water is 100 V to 50000 V.

3. (Original) The active water producing method according to Claim 1, wherein the purified water is heated to not less than 45°C and not more than 100°C.

4. (Original) The active water producing method according to Claim 2, wherein the purified water is heated to not less than 45°C and not more than 100°C.

5. (Currently amended) An active water producing apparatus comprising:

a tank for storing purified water ~~generated by removing impurities from water~~;

a high potential generator for applying a voltage between an inside and an outside of the tank; and

~~a heater~~ an external heater for heating the purified water in the tank.

6. (Original) The active water producing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the high potential generator outputs a voltage of 100 V to 50000 V.

7. (Original) The active water producing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the heater is set to heat the purified water to not less than 45°C and not more than 100°C.

8. (Original) The active water producing apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the heater is set to heat the purified water to not less than 45°C and not more than 100°C.

9. (New) An active water producing method comprising the step of heating to not less than 45°C and not more than 100°C purified water that is generated by passing

city water through an activated carbon layer and removing impurities from the city water, while applying a high voltage of 100 V to 50000 V to the purified water, until the purified water has an oxidation-reduction potential of 450 mV or lower.

10. (New) An active water producing apparatus comprising:

a tank for storing purified water generated by passing city water through an activated carbon layer and removing impurities from the city water;

a high potential generator for applying a voltage of 100 V to 50000 V between an inside and an outside of the tank; and

an external heater for heating the purified water to not less than 45°C and not more than 100°C in the tank;

the high potential generator and the heater cooperating to produce in the active water an oxidation-reduction potential of 450 mV or lower.